

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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DOCKET NO. 2018-257-WS

Application of Kiawah Island Utility, Inc.

Kiawah Island Utility, Inc. ("Kiawah" or "the Company") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") for approval of monthly water and sewer services charges as stated in the rate schedules attached to the Application as Exhibit "A". The Company also requests approval of any and all fees and charges contained in Exhibit "A". The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-712.4.A and 103-512.4.A. The need and justification for Kiawah's proposed rates and charges are contained, in part, on page 4 of the Application. Some of the reasons that the Company is seeking a rate adjustment are as follows: expenses giving rise to the Application such as the Company's interest on long-term debt, payroll and benefits costs necessary for Kiawah to attract and retain qualified employees, overhead and management expenses, and a slight increase in the Company's operating margin and a reduction in the Fire Hydrant Service Charge from \$134.79 to \$110.00 per year due to a complaint from the St. John's Fire District that the charge is too high. Schedule G of the Application includes a full schedule of the Company's current rates, proposed rates, and percentages of increase. The proposed changes to the Company's residential rates are set out below.

Residential Water Service Charges

| | Current | Proposed |
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| Base Facilities Charge | | |
| 5/8" meter | \$ 34.29/mo. | \$ 37.71/mo. |
| ¾" meter | \$ 51.44/mo. | \$ 56.56/mo. |
| 1" meter | \$ 85.73/mo. | \$ 94.27/mo. |
| 1.5" meter | \$ 171.46/mo. | \$ 188.54/mo. |
| 2" meter | \$ 274.35/mo. | \$ 301.68/mo. |
| 3" meter | \$ 600.14/mo. | \$ 659.91/mo. |
| 4" meter | \$1,722.32/mo. | \$1,893.86/mo. |
| Base Facilities Charge for water service with meters larger than 4" shall be: Maximum recommended meter capacity (gpm) x \$37.71 per mo. 20 gpm | | |

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| Consumption Charge All up to 11,000 gal/mo. | \$4.21/1000 gal. | \$4.63/1000 gal. |
| Excess Consumption Charge #1 All over 11,000 gal/mo. and Up to 50,000 gal/mo. | \$4.72/1000 gal. | \$5.19/1000 gal. |
| Excess Consumption Charge #2 All over 50,000 gal/mo. | \$5.03/1000 gal. | \$5.53/1000 gal. |

Residential Sewer Service Charges

| | Current | Proposed |
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| Base Facilities Charge | | |
| 5/8" water meter | \$ 26.20/mo. | \$ 28.81/mo. |
| ¾" water meter | \$ 39.30/mo. | \$ 43.21/mo. |
| 1" water meter | \$ 65.49/mo. | \$ 72.01/mo. |
| 1.5" water meter | \$ 130.98/mo. | \$ 144.03/mo. |
| 2" water meter | \$ 209.57/mo. | \$ 230.44/mo. |
| 3" water meter | \$ 458.43/mo. | \$ 504.09/mo. |
| 4" water meter | \$1,417.35/mo. | \$1,558.52/mo. |

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| Base Facilities Charge for sewer service where water service is through meters larger than 4" shall be: $\frac{\text{Maximum recommended meter capacity (gpm)} \times \$28.81 \text{ per mo.}}{20 \text{ gpm}}$ | | |
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| Consumption Charge based on Water Usage | | |
| All up to 11,000 gal/mo. | \$0.69/1000 gal. | \$0.76/1000 gal. |

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2018-257-WS. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the corporate office of Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A. and Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire, Terreni Law Firm, LLC, 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 27, 2018**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2018-257-WS and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.* Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **December 27, 2018**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2018-257-WS.*

Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **January 3, 2019**.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through March 29, 2019, if necessary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **1/31/2019**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **2/14/2019**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **2/21/2019**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **2/28/2019**. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under *Docket No. 2018-257-WS*.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 2018-257-WS*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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